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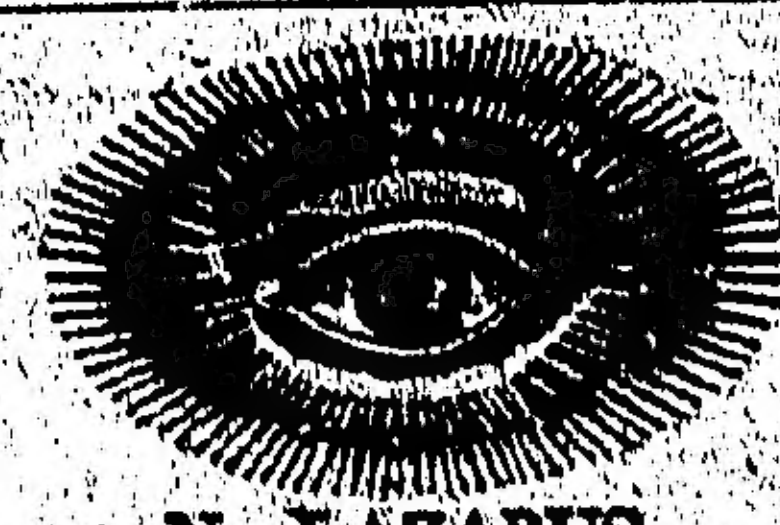
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NANKING DEMANDS.

POWERS ACTIVELY EXCHANGING VIEWS.

FURTHER OUTRAGES.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL GUTTED.

The three Powers affected by the Nanking outrages are actively exchanging views regarding the demands they propose to present, and a very early decision is expected.

Further messages from Nanking report that the American Consulate General there has been gutted by Chinese soldiers in spite of the police guard placed on the building.

NANKING DEMANDS.

Powers' Early Decision Expected.

It is understood that as a result of discussions among the British, American and Japanese Ministers at Peking recommendations have been made to their respective Governments with regard to the action to be taken to exact a return from the Cantonese for the Nanking outrages.

London, Washington and Tokyo are now actively exchanging views and a very early decision is expected. It is impossible at present to forecast the decision, but there will certainly be no attempt to carry out any reprisals without first formulating definite demands.

It is felt the Nanking outrages must be considered quite apart from the question of future policy towards China.—Reuter.

FURTHER DETAILS.

American Consulate Burnt Down.

Rugby, April 1.
The Diplomatic representatives at Hankow yesterday communicated to Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist Foreign Minister, the officially compiled facts regarding the Nanking outrages.

The first report from Mr. Wallis, the Vice-Consul investigating the situation, entirely confirms the testimony of the previous witnesses.

It is now confirmed that the American Consulate at Nanking was gutted this week by Chinese soldiers, in spite of the police guard placed on the building.

During the outrages on March 24 Southern Nationalist soldiers hauled down the United States flag from over the Consulate, tore it into pieces and cut the ropes.

Foreigners' houses in Nanking have undergone unrestrained looting.—British Wireless Service.

NATIONALIST STATEMENT.

Outrages Engineered By Northerners.

Hankow, April 2.
The Nationalist news agency says that the Nationalist Government will soon issue a statement regarding the incident "based on the findings of the rigid official enquiry now being conducted at Nanking."

The agency declares: "The military authorities at Nanking report that the disorders on March 24 were caused by remnants of the defeated Northerners and White Russian mercenaries in Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's army, who instigated the attacks on foreign consulates in order to involve the Nationalist forces with the Powers."

The agency goes on: "In responsible Nationalist circles the evacuation of Americans from the Yangtze region and elsewhere in China is regarded as a measure dictated by panic, not by statesmanship."—Reuter.

JAPAN MOVES.

Considerable Reinforcements Arrive.

Rugby, April 1.
Yesterday considerable Japanese naval reinforcements, consisting of four battleships, three cruisers, sixteen destroyers, eight submarines and four auxiliaries reached the Yangtze mouth from Japan.—British Wireless Service.

Another Cruiser.

Tokyo, April 2.
The cruiser "Yakumo" has been ordered to Shanghai with a landing party of 500 bluejackets. She is leaving Yokohama tomorrow.—Reuter.

SHOTS FROM SHORE.

American Destroyer Returns Fire.

Rugby, April 1.
A United States destroyer yesterday was fired on by rifles above Kiangyin, between Shanghai and Chinkiang.
The Americans replied with a gun and machine gun.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Powers and the Nanking Outrages.

London, April 1.
Reports that the Cabinet last night decided to issue an ultimatum to the Cantonese in regard to the Nanking outrages is not borne out by information from well-informed quarters. It is pointed out that no action is likely to be taken by British alone in view of the fact that all foreigners were equally subjected to attack.

The question of compensation and apology must be considered by each Government involved. The presentation of an isolated demand by one Power would perhaps give the false impression of a lack of unity and consequently no ultimatum is likely to be made until all the nations concerned are agreed on a joint course. The Powers are now considering this matter.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S ANXIETY.

Additional Preparations Being Made.

Washington, April 1.
A long conference was held at the White House and the State Department last night, presumably in connection with developments in China. There was no indication that any decision was reached.

President Coolidge conferred with Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Kellogg and with Mr. Johnston, the chief of Near Eastern Affairs.

In the meanwhile consular reports have confirmed Press advices of the continued menace to foreigners in various points of China and these are reflected in orders given to the Marine Corps officials to check the forces available in case Admiral Williams should call for more men to protect the lives of Americans.

As it was decided not to reduce the Marine forces in Nicaragua it is understood that the Corps commander is combing out every available detachment in the United States to find riflemen to fill up the regiment at Guanito for use if needed.—Reuter's American Service.

STRONG COMMENT.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald Taken To Task.

London, April 1.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's attitude towards China is severely criticised by the "Daily Telegraph," which considers his speech at Glasgow "makes a disgraceful business, if anything worse."

The "Telegraph" described as a "preposterous argument" and counsel of insanity the contention that the Shanghai International Settlement could be defended by the British naval forces on the China station, and declares the work of the navy indispensable during this situation, and its duty was not only gallantly performed at Nanking, but daily since the Yangtze valley became a theatre of hostilities.

"But for holding the line at Shanghai, all the warships in (Continued on Page 8)

YANGTSE DANGERS.

Anti-Foreign Feeling At Wuhu.

LOOTING AT NANKING.

The following wireless messages have been received by the naval authorities:—

Although the situation is on the whole easier, anti-foreign feeling is still rife at Wuhu. A guarantee has been given by the Chinese authorities for the protection of foreigners and their property, but when a large demonstration was planned, the remaining members of the community were withdrawn to H.M.S. "Caradoc."

Also taking shelter on the cruiser are a Spanish Bishop and twenty-one priests.

Later.
Feeling against foreigners at Wuhu appears to be on the increase.

Shantung troops in large numbers have crossed to the North Bank of the River.

Nanking Firing.
It is reported from Nanking that a Sikh watchman, who is

CABINET MEETS.

Important Air Force Official Present.

London, April 1.
The Cabinet considered the Chinese situation at its fourth meeting this week. Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard, Chief of the Air Force Imperial Defence Committee was present.—Reuter.

missing, has got into the hands of the Northerners who are using him for propaganda purposes, alleging that as an Indian he was deserted when the evacuations took place.

Guns from an American destroyer had to be brought into play above Meangyen (near Nanking) when the navy boat was fired on. The fire from the banks was replied to, at first by rifle fire, but this did not put a stop to it.

Messenger Assaulted.
An action typical of the arrogant attitude of the the Nationalists at Nanking to foreigners is reported yesterday when a Chin-

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Reports in Shanghai Of Dismissal.

Up to the present, there is no official confirmation of persistent reports that General Chiang Kai-shek has been dismissed by the Nationalist Government.—Reuter.

ese messenger who was sent to the premises of the International Export and Import Company (where the foreigners were concentrated before evacuation) was assaulted and sent back with a message that anyone who landed would be stopped. The building in question is reported to be completely looted.

Accompanying the British consul and community who are aboard the s.s. "Shantung," H.M. ships "Widgeon," "Mantis" and "Teal" have left Changsha. H.M.S. "Woodcock" remains.

Later.
The Consul and community have arrived at Hankow.

Communist Delegates.

A message from Hankow states that the Communist delegates Tom Mann, Doriot and Earl Browder arrived there on Wednesday evening.

[Communist delegates of the international proletariat recently arrived in Canton. They expressed their sympathy with the aims of the Chinese Nationalist Reds. They stated they had come to Canton to study the situation and to establish contact with the Chinese for the furtherance of the world revolution movement. They exhorted the Chinese people to continue in their struggle against foreign domination.]

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/18.

UNION CLOSED.

Early Morning Police Raid.

SPECIAL LAW INVOKED.

Under an order made by the Governor in Council under regulations relating to the prevention of disorder (published in the "Government Gazette" on Jan. 28 as notification No. 39), the Kiu Kong Kung T'un Tsung U! (General Labour Association of Hong Kong), which also describes itself as the Federation of Chinese Labour Unions of Hong Kong, was proscribed on Thursday.

To enforce this order a strong contingent of police officers from the Criminal Investigation Department raided the Union's premises in Des Voeux Road West at one o'clock this morning.

At noon yesterday an election was held to appoint a committee of twenty-one delegates from the various unions.

In the election, the Seamen's Union came an easy first with 88 votes. Among the unions nominated to serve on the committee (which can be said to be the equivalent of the highest authority in Hong Kong labour circles) were the market butchers, barbers, launch coxswains, employees of foreigners, tramwaymen, coal workers, coolies, stevedores, printers and hospital employees. The Union of Women Workers (which includes amahs) tied for the last place.

In recent months, little has been heard of this General Union but efforts have been made lately to resuscitate it.

JAPANESE R.A.

INCORPORATION OF THE DIRECTORS.

A PRIVATE MEASURE.

The Japanese Residents' Association intends at an early date to apply to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong for a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Directors of the Japanese Residents' Association of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Nipponjin Kwai)."

The objects and reasons state: 1. The object of this Bill is to incorporate the Directors of the Japanese Residents' Association of Hong Kong in order to enable them to hold immovable property in perpetual succession. The advantages of incorporation are obvious. The Bill follows the general form of incorporation Ordinances.

2. The appointment of directors, and all matters of internal management, such as the majority required for any decision of the directors and the machinery for the alteration of the constitution, are left to be decided in accordance with the constitution of the association for the time being.

3. The properties mentioned in Section 5 are at present held by trustees on behalf of the Association. Owing to the movement of these trustees to other parts the trustees are continually changing and this is extremely inconvenient in connection with the title to the properties.

4. The Association is one which has been formed for the mutual benefit of the Japanese residents in this Colony and for social and benevolent purposes amongst the Japanese community. The Association was formed about ten years ago and has now a present membership of approximately 500.

5. The first two properties mentioned in Section 5 are controlled by the Association and are for the purpose of a primary school and a Japanese crematorium respectively. 6. The third property is at present vacant land, but it is the intention of the Association when they are in a position to do so, to help their members to carry out a building scheme on this property.

TROOPS FOR SHAMEEN.

One company of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers (with Lt. Col. L. J. Conyn, commanding officer), the 1st Pack Battery of the H.K.S. (Indian) Royal Artillery, and H.M.S. "Tarantula" are going up to Shameen from Hong Kong.

WEATHER FORECAST.

"Light, variable winds, fair" is the official weather forecast till noon to-morrow, for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

UNLAWFUL MEETINGS.

Emergency Regulations Amended.

SEDITION PRECAUTIONS.

Regulations in substitution of those published on March 7 under the Emergency Regulations. Ordinance appear in the "Government Gazette."

The following are new regulations:

It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the "Gazette," to prohibit the holding of any meeting whatsoever at any specified place or places, or to prohibit the holding of any meeting whatsoever except between specified hours, either generally or at any specified place or places.

Regulation 6 states:—

(1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the "Gazette," to prescribe any condition whatsoever which he may think fit in connection with any meeting.

(2) No person who takes part in or is present at any such meeting shall contravene any such condition.

(3) No person shall take part in any meeting at or in connection with which any such condition has been or is being contravened.

(4) No person shall without lawful authority or excuse be present at any meeting at or in connection with which any such condition has been or is being contravened.

Regulation 7 has been altered as follows:—

(1) In any case in which the Governor in Council, by order published in the "Gazette," shall be lawful for the Governor, without consulting the Executive Council and without publication of the order in the "Gazette," to make any order which might have been made by the Governor in Council under Regulation 1, 2 or 6, or to prohibit the continuance of any meeting already begun.

(2) Any such order may be proved in any legal proceedings by the production of a certificate, under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, and judicial notice shall be taken of such signature on such certificate.

FIREWORKS

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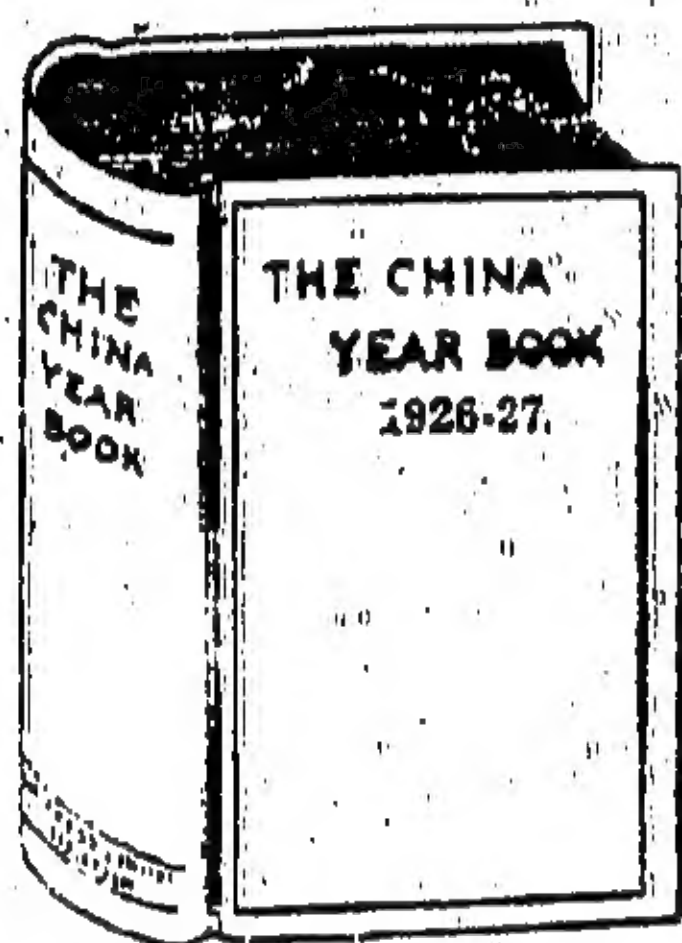
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Captain C. Willson O.B.E., V.D., the commanding officer, was in the chair and was supported by fourteen members of the Company. Owing to the very short notice members had of the dinner, it was most unfortunate that more members could not be present.

After "the King" had been proposed, the chairman, outlined the work of the unit during the past season and congratulated all ranks on the keenness shown, more especially on the successes which attended the shooting of the 6 inch howitzers at Tai Lam camp in January.

The First to Fire.
He also noted with particular pleasure that the honour of firing the first round from the 6 inch howitzers had fallen to the Artillery Co. In closing his remarks, Captain Willson made special reference to the departure on Home leave of 2nd Lt. N. L. H. Raiton and wished him a very pleasant holiday and a speedy return to the Colony.

They were also, said the chairman, taking this opportunity of saying "adieu" to Sergeant M. P. Concannon who was shortly going Home, and he assured him that all ranks were deeply grateful to him for all he had done for the Artillery Co.

Parting Souvenir.
He then asked Sergeant Concannon to accept as proof of their affection for him a small souvenir of his time in the Company and hoped when he ever had occasion to use it, he would be reminded of "the Gunners." They all wished him the very best of good luck and they all hoped to hear of him again.
Sergeant Concannon, amidst deafening cheers, suitably replied.

EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week, ended March 28 is—

Plague: 4 cases at Rangoon, 2 at Colombo, 1 at Sourabaya, 3 at Bangkok.
Cholera: 67 cases at Calcutta, 15 at Bangkok, 3 at Saigon.
Small-pox: 1 case at Basara, 404 at Calcutta, 1 at Karachi, 22 at Madras, 1 at Negapatam, 53 at Rangoon, 8 at Bangkok, 1 at Shanghai.

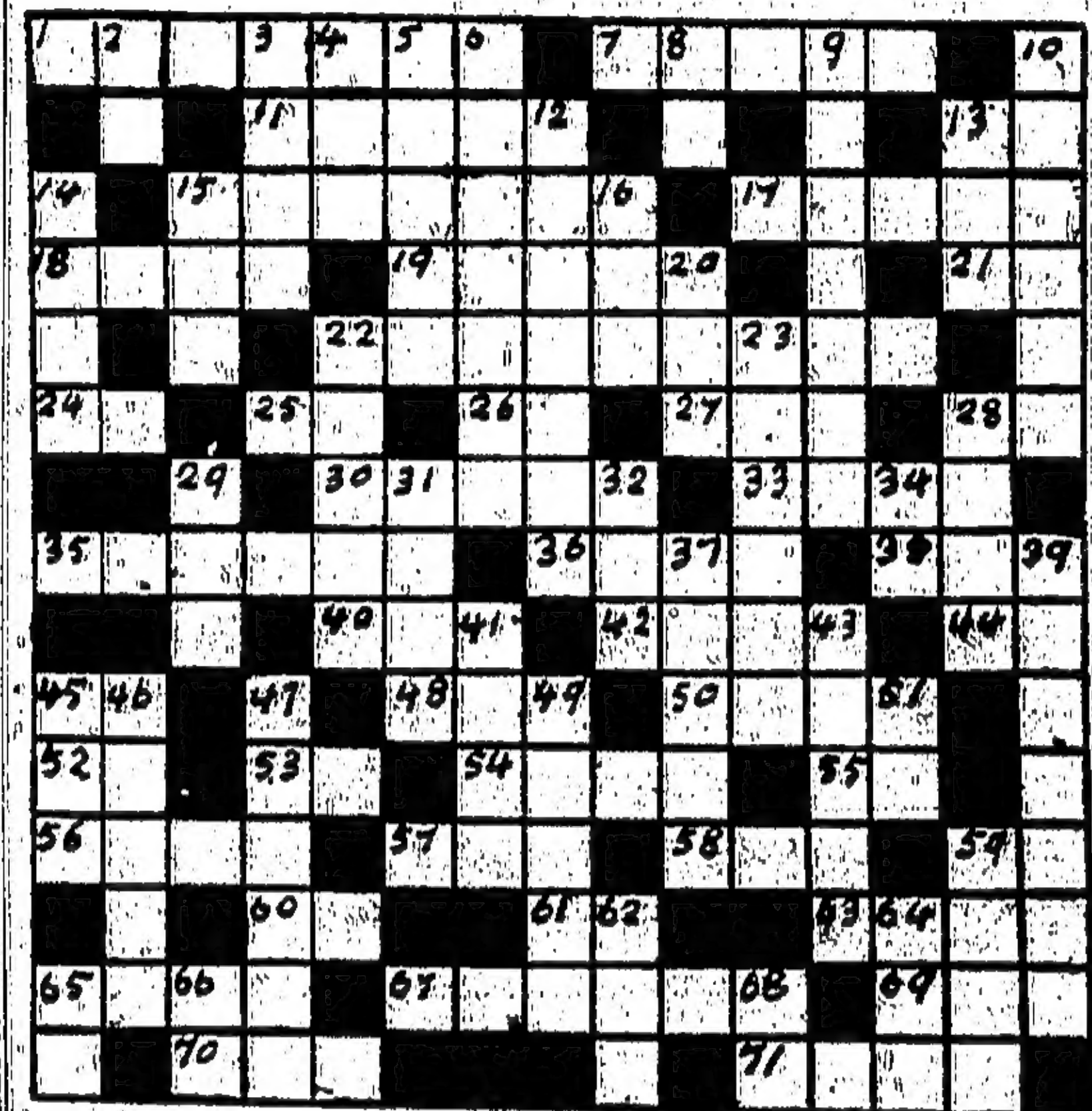
A Lloyd's New York message stated that the British steamer "Mauretania" was struck by a mountainous wave on February 11. Forty feet of rail on the forward deck was ripped off, the davits on the motor boat on deck torn, and antennae of radio severed.

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10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
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Clues Across.

1. Moves violently.
7. Nimble.
11. Soil.
13. OE (actual).
15. A medicine used for neuralgias.
17. To rebuke.
18. To desire.
19. Weight used for precious stones.
21. DU (actual).
22. A band for the waist.
24. Towards.
25. An exclamation of joy.
26. TU (actual).
27. To perish.
28. "W".
30. Mouldy.
33. A large plant with a woody trunk.
35. A disease of the skin.
36. Every one separately considered.
38. A chum.
40. NER (actual).
42. A timid man.
44. Thank you!
45. SG (actual).
46. A quadruped's parent.
50. The rainbow.
52. Alternative.
53. Company (abbrev.).
54. A thin covering.
55. To perform.
56. To throw out.
57. To place.
58. Look!
59. Father.
60. Word of negation.
61. ED (actual).
63. The back part.
65. A circular motion.
67. To be busy about trifles.
69. The last point.
70. To employ.
71. Grief.

Clues Down.

2. We.
3. Any critical trial.
4. To lie up.
5. Scientific name for heath.
6. Difficulties.
8. Present of "Be".
9. A tormentor of political candidates.
10. To degrade.
12. Shaggy.
13. Ancient.
14. A piece of ground.
15. A timber tree.
16. NAT (actual).
20. Torpedo boat destroyer (abbrev.).
22. Of the feminine sex.
23. One or the other.
28. Food.
29. Practical skill.
31. Employed.
32. To yelp.
34. EP (actual).
37. CELLS (actual).
38. A short rope used for fastening articles.
41. To be mad.
43. One mounted on horseback.
45. The sun.
46. Meat juice.
47. Views.
48. Measured.
51. In this manner.
53. A piece of glass.
62. DDS (actual).
64. A snake like fish.
65. To proceed.
66. RU (actual).
68. Editor (abbrev.).

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SHIPPING SECTION.

SHIPPING IN 1926.

NO BENEFIT THROUGH COAL TROUBLES.

A contradiction of the assumption that the shipping industry has derived exceptional advantages from the misfortunes of the coal industry is given in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom. An optimistic note is, however, struck in a reference to the economic position of the industry, which, although according to the report, "not at the moment materially better than it was a year ago, shows signs of improvement. The realisation of such hopes must, however, remain uncertain for some time, and depends ultimately upon the permanence of those factors which make for a general restoration of trade."

"Nevertheless," it is added, "the idea has gained credence that the industry has derived exceptional advantages from the misfortunes of the coal industry and that the demand for tonnage for the importation of coal created something akin to a boom in shipping freights. No such assumption is justified by the facts, but its persistence makes it desirable to analyse the situation." A considerable portion of the report is devoted to the general strike and its effects. In this connection, it is mentioned that reductions which took place in outward cargoes of "manufactured goods, usually carried by liners, represented a fall in the value of such exports in 1926 as compared with 1925 of no less than £78,000,000. "To establish a fair comparison," says the report, "the simplest method to adopt would be to multiply the cargo carried by the average miles covered. The result might be called 'cargo ton-miles.' While such statistics are not available, it is possible from the Board of Trade Navigation Returns to obtain a figure showing the 'loaded ton-miles.' When this is done, it is found that the total movement of shipping to and from the United Kingdom was approximately 365,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1925, and only 354,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1926. Thus it is seen that the effective carrying service rendered diminished by 11,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1926."

The Rise in Freight.
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barely exceeded 11 per cent., an increase quite insufficient to meet the additional costs imposed by the strike, and notwithstanding references which had been made to "the little shipping boom" the result of the year's work, even for tramp shipping, which was in a class benefiting by the increase in market rates, has been such that few, if any, companies have done more than cover their depreciation in their earnings.

It was not surprising, therefore, to find that the Board of Trade estimated that the invisible exports—the gross earnings of British ships engaged in the foreign trade, less expenditure abroad—taken together with the expenditure of foreign ships in United Kingdom ports was lower in 1926 than in 1925, the estimate for 1926 being £120,000,000 as compared with £124,000,000 in 1925.

When it was remembered that ships in liner trades bore the burden of the increased expenditure and benefited very little, it is all the more the temporary increase in open market freights, it might well be that the Board of Trade had over-estimated the expenses. However that might be, it must always be borne in mind that the figure of invisible exports was, in fact, no indication that a profit had been made.

Orders for New Ships.

The Furness Shipbuilding Company, of Haverton Hill-on-the-Tees, which has secured orders for four big vessels for American owners, have now received orders for two other new ships, one a tanker for the Imperial Oil Company of Toronto, and the other a small cargo steamer for London owners. The total tonnage of the six ships is about 65,000. The builders hope to lay the keel of the first vessel within a month.

After being closed down for several years Sir William Gray and Co.'s shipbuilding yard at Sunderland is to be reopened, the firm having booked orders for three steamers of 8,000 tons each for British owners.

Shipping Rates.

The Federation of British Industries have made representations to shipping companies in regard to actual or proposed increases in rates to various markets, as a result of losses incurred during the coal stoppage. Some of the important steamship conferences have abandoned their proposals and while certain lines trading with Continental ports have withdrawn or reduced the surcharges, others have intimated that the position will be carefully reconsidered. The Federation have also made representations to the Indian lines against their proposal to increase freights.

Voyages in Ballast.
British tonnage entering and clearing in the United Kingdom with cargoes did not exceed two million net tons, but while the British tonnage entering in ballast fell by 4.6 million net tons, that departing in ballast rose by 7.4 million net tons, a net increase in voyages in ballast of 2.8 million net tons. The reduction of two million net tons in voyages with cargo represented a loss of freight and the increase of 2.8 million net tons in voyages in ballast represented an increase of expenses quite

apart from other increases. The whole 4.8 million net tons, therefore, represented a loss.

When the weight of exports was compared with the tonnage of shipping cleared with cargoes, and allowance made for the fact that coal is shipped in full cargoes, it was found that in the outward trade from the United Kingdom the amount of general cargo carried by such 100 net tons of shipping fell from 57 tons in 1913 to 42 tons in 1925, and only 38 tons in 1926. Thus, ships carrying general cargo had a poorer load factor in 1926 than in 1925.

On the subject of costs, the report points out that the need for ballast voyages out for bringing home sufficient bunkers for the outward voyage has shut out home-ward cargo; this, and the increased delays at foreign coaling ports and stations abroad, the inferior quality of much of the foreign bunkers, resulting in loss of power and steaming days, and the higher price of such coal were factors of grave importance, and went a long way to offset the advantages of higher tramp freights and to involve the liners in heavy losses.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 23
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13
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KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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C.N.C. OFFICERS.

ONE SHIP REFUSES NEW ARTICLES.

PROPOSED SALARIES CUT.

Confirmation has not been received by either the local office or the men concerned in Hong Kong, of the following cable:—
Shanghai, April 1.

It is understood that the China Navigation Co.'s officers and engineers' strike came off to-day, but that it will be shelved for the following the negotiations—the nature of which which are at present unknown—the men agreed to resume their duties to-morrow. —Reuter.

"Shanghai" Articles.

At the time of going to press to-day, the officers and engineers of one steamer had refused to sign the new articles (which, it is understood, include a reduction of 10 per cent. on salaries).

Other than that there is no change to record in the situation.

The C.N.C.'s "Yingchow" is to leave Hong Kong to-morrow for Shanghai, via Swatow. There should, however, be no misunderstanding. The officers of this ship are on articles signed at Shanghai and their decision regarding the company's new articles can only be known when these are presented to them there.

LAUNCH AUCTIONED.

The steam-launch "Foe Hang" was sold at Messrs. Lamert Bros. auction rooms yesterday to Mr. Yeung Shu-fan for \$2,750.

Bidding opened at \$2,000. The boat was sold together with all machinery, appurtenances, fittings and furniture, as she now lies in the harbour. Her dimensions are—length, 51ft. 2in.; breadth, 11ft. 2in.; depth, 5ft. 7in.; gross tonnage, 21 tons.

"KINSHAN'S" STRIKE.

None of the other ships of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamship Co., Ltd. has been affected by the strike of the crew of the "Kinshan" to obtain a social room and "Union" meeting place on board their boat.

With the China Navigation Co.'s "Fatsan," the "Lungshan" and "Taishan" are keeping up the day and night run between Hong Kong and Canton.

STRANDED CREW BACK.

Three Portuguese and eighteen Chinese, being part of the crew of the Portuguese s.s. "Tat Tat," stranded at Hualan Island on January 17, were brought back to Hong Kong this morning by the Chinese s.s. "Poo Tye" from Hualan and Hoihow, the distressed mariners boarding the ship at the first named port.

SHIPS IN PORT.

There were 62 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour this morning, of which number 20 fly the British flag. During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 12 arrivals (3 British) and 24 departures (10 British).

HELD UP BY FOG.

Delayed outside Hong Kong by fog, the P. & O. "Macedonia" arrived at Kowloon Wharf at 8.30 a.m. to-day from Shanghai. The "Takadi" (from Amoy) and the "Tilawa" (from Singapore) were also entering port later in the day.

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All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 15th April, 1927, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, 8th April, 1927, at 10 a.m.

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From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF BOMBAY" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 15th April, 1927, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of one week.

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Series of despatches from Nanking, describing acts of heroism in rescuing Britons and Americans from mobs.

This last week's events in China has roused world-wide interest to its highest pitch. It should be borne in mind that Postal services at Shanghai have been seriously interrupted by the strike. Intelligence from nearby ports will, therefore, be eagerly awaited.

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

As usual, all the local news, China cables and expert comment from day to day have been printed in the "Overland."

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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

To the good work of the
British Secret Service agents
must be attributed in large
measure the intelligent antipa-
thies which enabled Britain to take
measures which have been amply
justified for the protection of her
nationals in China. Although
the popular mind colours the
collective activities of the
Secret Service with the
glamour of romance, the very
nature of its undertakings pre-
clude anything in the nature of
public acclamation of individual
achievements. The identity and
movements of its members are
shrouded in obscurity. Votes for
expenditure incurred in the Ser-
vice must be merged in those of
other Services or otherwise sup-
pressed, for they never figure in
public Budgets and Balance
Sheets. Scattered over remote
parts of the globe, the
agents are often isolated from
their fellows. Com-
manding mastery over strange
languages and customs, they
establish precarious contact in
times of strained and openly
hostile relations. Is there not
something essentially British
about the attraction of a service
so hazardous and exacting, a ser-
vice in which there can be no
hopes, in spite of its dangers, of
figuring as the hero of the hour
with the spot-light of publicity
playing upon one's achievements?
It is at any rate a tribute to their
staring courage that Britain
has made every effort to keep
them in the line of duty, and
which have been the

saving of the lives and properties
not only of its own nationals but
those of Powers who looked upon
such preparation as imperialistic
and militant. It is not much that
we or the other nationals con-
cerned can do to indicate our
appreciation to these unseen
workers for security in China but
in the telegram signed by non-
British residents in Shanghai, in
the united acclamation of all en-
lightened Britons, and in their
own sense of a duty nobly though
silently performed, they have
their reward.

The Labour Party would doubt-
less have us believe that their
dissociation from the activities
of Mr. Tom Mann when it became
known at Home that he had ac-
tively associated himself with the
"Red" element in the Chinese
warring factions, was an indica-
tion that their policy was not
that of the extremists of the
Party or influenced by the Com-
munists who, according to the
Liverpool decisions, have been
"expelled" from the party. That
this element has not in fact been
so expelled but allowed to set up
its own organisation in various
districts as a branch of the
Labour party is evidenced in
several constituencies. Notably
in this case at Holborn where
there are two Labour parties
and two Labour candidates, one
being a Chinese who, it is claimed,
has been a member of the Kuo-
mintang since its birth, and who,
according to Press reports, has
showed a lamentable ignorance
of the English tongue. Whilst
the Labour party can, and has in
the case of Mr. Tom Mann, dis-
claimed responsibility for the
actions or views of individual
Communists, it cannot, in view
of recent Parliamentary happen-
ings, disclaim responsibility for
the expressed views of extremists
who forced its hand in regard to
the China crisis. That the ex-
tremists in the Labour party
have carried the day in this re-
spect was evidenced in the Labour
amendment "for the deviation and
recall of military forces in China,"
which was a direct contradiction
of the declared policy of the La-
bour leaders. The latter must
have been aware at the time, if
not, the banking outrages have
brought it home in terrible man-
ner—of the callousness of such a
contemplated step as withdrawing
troops from the Chinese front
in order to be sent to a victorious
but discredited army, among
others, which have been the

the passions of the mob. They
gave way to the extremists and
they have yet to dissociate them-
selves from those members of the
party who proclaim support of
Canton on the ground that the
Nationalists are "workers" and
the Northern Government
"feudalists." It is a sad day for
the Labour party when civil war
masquerading as pacifism and
class war masquerading as
humanity are able to sweep com-
mon sense to one side.

The community in Hong Kong
welcome the Secretary of State's
appreciation of the fortitude with
which past trials here have been
borne, the assurance of personal
safety and the inviolability of
foreign property here and in the
New Territories. Many of us
would welcome still more the
broadcasting of a reassuring
message to those at Home who
have a somewhat exaggerated
view of disturbed conditions as
affecting Hong Kong at present.
The mere assurance by letter to
such, that there is little reason
for fear of local disturbances and
that in the event of such a con-
tingency, full and efficient mea-
sures have been prepared, often
fails to dissipate their apprehen-
sions. Honest statements of
fact are taken as praiseworthy
but transparent attempts to re-
store their peace of mind. Failing
the publication in the Home
Press of such a reassuring state-
ment as the Secretary of State
despatched here, the most effec-
tive proof would be the mailing
home of local newspapers with
reports of such "exciting" events
as "Mudford" election, Race
Meetings, of the Philharmonic
Society's production of H.M.S.
"Pinafore." To even the
most worrying and devoted
relative it must be ob-
vious that there would be neither
principals nor spectators were
there justification for the picture
of conditions here that many of
them have mentally painted.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Sung Sheung-wai to
be a Public Vaccinator.
His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Francis Arthur
Wells, to be a member of the Ad-
visory Committee of the Hong Kong
Volunteer Defence Corps, vice Mr.
Douglas Abbey, resigned.
His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Private George Duncan
M.B.E., to be Second-Lieutenant in
the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps.
His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Henry Thomas
Jackson to be a member of the
Council of the University of Hong
Kong.
Mr. J. R. G. Wyatt has been ap-
pointed as Assistant Examiner for
Masters' and Mates' Examinations.

MR. HENRY FORD.

Detroit, April 1.
A hospital bulletin states that
Mr. Henry Ford is progressing
favorably.
Nevertheless, newspaper cor-
respondents at Detroit are less
optimistic. The "New York
Evening Post" correspondent de-
clares Mr. Ford is spitting blood
from an internal haemorrhage.
Reuters' American Service.
[A cable yesterday reported
that Mr. Ford was suffering from
concussion, following an accident,
in which his car fell over an
embankment.]

JAPAN'S FIRST FLEET.

Tsingtao, April 1.
The Japanese first fleet consist-
ing of four battleships, three cru-
isers, 16 destroyers and eight sub-
marines has arrived for the an-
nual manoeuvres.
It is emphasised that the visit
is not connected with the situa-
tion in China.—Reuters.

PAN AMERICAN CRISIS.

Buenos Aires, April 1.
Entitled "Pan American Crisis,"
a leader in the newspaper
"Prensa" declares that the re-
striction on the import of
Argentine produce recently made
by the United States will not
affect Argentina as much as the
United States intervention in
Mexico.
The "Prensa" says the Pan
American crisis will be settled
more easily if the United States
consents to the import of Argen-
tine produce, and if Argentina
consents to the import of United
States produce.—Reuters' American
Service.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE." Local Amateurs' Latest Enterprise.

LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESS.

The difficulties which beset a
musical production in Hong Kong
need not be entered into here.
They must, nevertheless, be fair-
ly prodigious. So that if the
Philharmonic Society's H.M.S.
"Pinafore," performed for the
first time last night at Theatre
Royal, was not the roaring suc-
cess it might have been, the blame
should be laid to the door of those
very difficulties, and to the de-
plorable lack of suitable talent in
the colony. The fact of the mat-
ter is, too, that Gilbert and
Sullivan is now terribly dated.
The salaries which were considered
screamingly funny, and the
musical style which charmed the
old Savoyard are lamentably out
of sympathy with our modern
ideas. The Gilbertian quips miss
fire, and the turn-of-tide-um
type of Sullivan tune, the cease-
less repetition of musical and
worded phrase—to say nothing of
the insane requests for encores—
become increasingly tiresome.
The costumes, also, are both old
fashioned and awkward and if
Buttercup must be a frowsy bum-
boat woman, why in heaven's
name must she look like one?
What is really wanted is a
modern dressing. We should
have then, in place of dowdiness
and tradition, bobbed hair and
modernism.
Mr. R. M. Keown was a very
upstanding Captain Corcoran and
Mr. C. P. Marcel a very dead-
ly Dick Deadeye. Mrs. Marcel, who
took the part of the captain's
fair daughter, sang very charm-
ingly, but Mrs. Watt, as Butter-
cup, seemed to be wrongly cast.
Mr. Richards as Ralph Rackstraw
and supporting cast all contrib-
uted to the best of their ability.
As Sir Joseph Porter, Mr. Brock
alone scored. He gave one the
impression that he was thorough-
ly at home in his part and did,
indeed, succeed in making it a
very convincing one, with the real
traditional touch.

Mr. Fleming should insist upon
a closer response to his baton, for
both the orchestra and chorus
were at times inclined to take
matters into their own hands.
The ensembles were, in conse-
quence, occasionally ragged. The
orchestra was a little overloaded
in certain quarters and in the
overture especially, all drum and
fire. The pitch, too, was not well
maintained.

—H.L.W.

The Full Cast.
The cast was as follows:—
The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter,
K.C.B., First Lord of the Admiralty,
A. J. J. Brock, Captain Corcoran,
Commanding, H.M.S. "Pinafore,"
R. M. Keown, Ralph Rackstraw,
Able Seaman, D. M. Richards, Dick
Deadeye, Able Seaman, C. P.
Marcel, Bill Bobstay, Boatwain's
Mate, N. V. Hayward, Bob Becket,
Carpenter's Mate, R. Dormer, Tom
Tucker, Mishmike, Teddy Bullock,
Josephine, The Captain's Daughter,
Mrs. C. P. Marcel, Hebe, Sir
Joseph's First Cousin, Mrs. J.
Hollidge, Mrs. Cripps (Little
Buttercup), a Portsmouth Bumboat
Woman, Mrs. G. Watt, Chorus of
First Lord's Cousins, His Sisters,
His Aunt, Sailors and Marines,
Messdames Cornaby, Fleming, Green-
way, Hayward, Head, Hooper,
Hurst, McLeod, Nowers, Pank-
hurst, Shinn and Strange.
Misses Cole, Dunn, Flelding,
Gillingham, McClay, Murphy,
Spanton and Stuart.
Messrs. Allman-Ward, Baldwin,
Bates, Bell, Bennett, Best, Bick-
ford, Cargill, Fountain, Lake, A. A.
Lewis, F. H. G. Lewis, Price,
Provan, Ramsay, Ridyard, Sim-
mons, Simpson, Stone, E. C. Thomas,
R. D. Thomas, Thomson, Westlake,
Whelan and Winfield.

Officials.

The following were the officials,
etc.:—
Stage Manager and Producer,
Mr. R. R. Davies; Assistant Stage
Manager and Producer, Mr. W. E.
Price; Property Master, Mr. G. W.
R. Griggs; Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs.
H. Harrison; Hon. Accompanist,
Mrs. C. E. Millard, B.A.; Prompter,
Mr. E. P. Lentestey.
Scenery and programme cover
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R.M., and scenery painted by Chan
Sin-fong. Stage lighting by
Messrs. Coles, Derrick and Stopant.
Thomson. Men's Costumes by Ah
Men, Ring Cheong. Ladies' dresses
by Ah Chung.

Those Who Helped.

The Committee of the Hong Kong
Philharmonic Society desire to ex-
press their thanks to:—Messdames
Allman-Ward and Jenner, and to
Messrs. Hurst, Luck and Nicholson
for assistance given in the pro-
duction of the opera, to the A.D.C. for
loan of food, drink, etc., and to
Mr. W. H. Fife, B.A., A.R.C.M., for
orchestrating the overture.
The Orchestra:—Violins—Miss
E. L. Bor, Miss R. Tudor, Mrs.
G. W. R. Griggs, M. H. C. Lang,
Mr. J. L. Alves, Mr. C. A. E.
Laver, Mr. G. E. Longyear, G. L.
Mr. N. U. Botelho, Baker, Mr. P. N.
Sequeira, Flute—Randman, M.
Baker, Oboe—Randman, M.
Baker, Clarinet—Baker, M.
Baker, Bassoon—Randman, M.
Baker, Trumpet—Cory, H.
Lester, Trombone—Randman, G.

LOCAL MOTORISTS.

Association's Annual Meeting.

FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS.

Presiding over the annual meet-
ing of the Hong Kong Automobile
Association yesterday, the Hon. Mr.
D. G. M. Bernard referred to the
indication that H.E. the Governor
had given of his interest in the
Association by becoming a patron.
The institution of patrols at the
"Star" ferry, Kowloon, and at the
City Hall to look after members'
cars was referred to and the justi-
fication for the institution now that
petty thefts from cars had ceased.
Regarding the innovation the As-
sociation had instituted for mem-
bers to get expert advice on me-
chanical troubles and expert legal
advice, the use made of these fac-
ilities had been disappointing and it
had been decided to discontinue
them as from the end of the year.
It was hoped that something along
the same lines could be done which
would not prove such a drain on
the Association's resources.
Special rates for members for the
"Autocar" publication had been ob-
tained and members wishing to
avail themselves of the offer should
communicate with the Secretary.
The report and accounts were
adopted on the proposition of the
Chairman, seconded by Mr. L. C. F.
Bellamy.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted
as follows:
President: Commander G. B.
Hartford, R.N. (ret.).
Vice-President: Mr. Ho Leung.
Committee: Messrs. C. D. Lam-
bert, F. Meade, C. P. Marcel, P. M.
Hodgson, G. H. Wilson, W. J. E.
Mackenzie, A. Stevenson and
L. C. F. Bellamy.
Treasurers: Messrs. Linstead
and Davis.
At the conclusion of the meeting
a presentation was made by the
Chairman to Mr. F. M. Hodgson,
who had resigned from the Secre-
taryship after two years of very ac-
tive work, the Chairman referring
to the deep regret with which his
resignation had been accepted by
the Committee and to the keen in-
terest he had taken in the work to
which he had devoted his time with
such good results.

In reply, Mr. Hodgson expressed
his thanks and referred to the en-
ergetic work of the Rev. G. E. S.
Updell, the present Secretary.

The meeting closed with expres-
sions of appreciation of the retiring
President's interest in the As-
sociation's welfare and to the work
of Mr. Ho Leung in bringing more
members of the Chinese community
into the Association.

A suggestion was made that lec-
tures might be given on the lines of
those some years ago of Mr. C. D.
Lambert.

KOWLOON MURDER.

WOMEN ALLEGED TO BE IMPLICATED.

THE SALE OF A BOY?

A brutal murder on a path close
to the Kowloon Hospital was de-
clared at the Magistrate's yesterday
when the Crown opened the case
against four Chinese, two of whom
are women.
One of the women defendants
stated that she was in negotia-
tion for her representation, legally, but
had been unable so far to raise the
necessary money.
His Worship (Mr. W. Schofield)
indicated that if the case went fur-
ther she would be legally represent-
ed at her trial.

The body of the woman in ques-
tion, who was a visitor from Macao,
was examined; was found with a
large slab of stone resting on her
chest. There were two large
wounds on the forehead caused by
blows from some blunt instrument.
The wounds were severe, the bone
having been broken into about
thirty pieces.

According to the evidence, the
deceased on her arrival in Hong
Kong with her little son took a
tenancy in a house at Shamshuipo
of which the fourth defendant was
the principal tenant. The alleged
movements of the defendants on the
night of the murder were detailed
and it was stated that subsequent-
ly the son of the deceased was
illegally treated by the defendants who
were alleged to have been in nego-
tiation for his sale for \$220. This
boy had been frightened to such an
extent, it was claimed, that when
the Police went to the house, acting
on information, he claimed one of
the two defendants as his mother.
The case was adjourned.

Hunting men in "pink" attend-
ed the funeral of Mr. Charles
West at Martin Huggins, near
Worcester. Mr. West died from
injuries received in a fall when
hunting with the Atherton
Hounds, Captain Ramsden, master
of the Atherton hounds, sounded
the "Gone Away" over the
grave.

Wharfe, French Horn, Corp. C.
Perkins, Timpani, Bandman, T.
Bergant, At the Piano, Mrs. C. E.
Millard, B.A., Hon. Conductor, Mr.
W. R. Fleming.
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Colonel L. M. Gwyn, G.M.C.
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The King's Own Hussars
Regiment.

CHIANG'S PROMISE.

Prospects of Capturing Peking.

WAR SITUATION REVIEWED.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

General Chiang Kai-shek has told the world that he will continue to march northwards and take Peking. He did not say so in so many words but there is no misunderstanding his intention to subdue the Fengtien Party and then unify China by force.

What are his prospects? He has gone on from success to success. No matter how his troops have fought, they have not been defeated in battle and well may lay the claim to being invincible.

The Nationalist soldier of the hour has won even more victories than did Hung Shau-chuen, the anti-Manchu rebel of seventy years ago, who established his court at Nanking—but suffered a number of defeats now and then—and was ultimately crushed on his last march to Peking.

Moral and Material.

As was the case then, actual supremacy in the field does not ensure success. I cannot do better than quote Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, the military expert of the London "Daily Telegraph." He says—

"Before attempting to assess the military position and prospects, it is essential to realize the division of the moral and material factors in the impending struggle. There is a further aspect. The struggle is between a mass movement and a group of individuals—'war-lords,' whose governing aim is inevitably their enrichment on enrichment, and whose troops are held together simply by the tie of personal allegiance peculiar to the mercenary soldier."

Watery "No Man's Land."

Like a great dividing line between North and South runs the

Yangtze River, a vital means of communication, but for the moment a watery "No Man's Land."

At Hankow, the Southerners have established a strategic bridge-head on the northern bank, with a line running up to the border of Honan province. At the mouth of the Yangtze, Chiang Kai-shek has his military "knuckles" stretched just beyond his palm, but guarding Shanghai and Nanking effectively.

The Nationalist Strength. Captain Liddell Hart estimates the strength of the Nationalist sections as follows:—

Main body at Hankow: 80,000 strong. The left arm which made the job at Nanking: 20,000—but this has since been increased by the defections from the Northern armies. The right arm (which went up by Chekiang province): one column nearer the coast 45,000 men; and the other column 30,000—these have also since been extended by embodying Northern divisions which went over. (There has been hardly any wastage of war.)

Other fairly large forces have been left behind to guard the various provinces, e.g., 80,000 left by General Ho Ying-yin in Fukien.

Alternative Shield. Instead of crossing the Yangtze direct, the right arm is likely to shift, their strategic position, half-left on Nanking, leaving behind a fairly substantial force to hold Shanghai and environs. This, of course, is on the presumption that Chiang Kai-shek does intend to move forward—and the easiest way he can march is by following the railway.

It is reasonable to expect that Chiang Kai-shek will make this connecting railway his next objective. By moving on it he will fulfil Napoleon's maxim—the key of his strategy—that "the secret of war is to make oneself master of the communications."

There, Chiang Kai-shek would be astride the two overland routes between Peking and Central China. Thence, in Napoleonic manner, he could press down on the Fengtien stronghold at Chang Tsung-chang's rear.

Meanwhile, Marshal Chang Tsung-chang has failed to make an impression even on Wu Pei-fu in Honan. Even if he succeeded in getting down along the railway to Hankow (on which his son, General Chang Hsueh-liang is now busily engaged), his position would soon be intolerable.

Left Flank Exposed. The further south he came, the more would his left flank be exposed to a crushing blow from Chiang Kai-shek's combined arm going north from Nanking.

So far, the "Christian general" (Feng Yu-hsiang) has been left out of calculations. This pro-

YUNNAN LETTER.

PROVINCE TURNING OVER TO CANTON.

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Yunnan (Yunnan), March 21. An anti-British boycott was attempted recently, but was suppressed by General Lung, who has kept order here under very trying circumstances.

There seems to be no very definite anti-foreign feeling here, but it is realized that it exists below the surface and is only waiting for the opportunity to show itself.

Things seem to be settling down in the city now, at least outwardly, but there is still a good deal of disorder and robbery.

Government by Committee. The new arrangement of governing the province by committees has now begun to take shape and nine men have been appointed, so that a better state of affairs is hoped for.

Pien-ma, on the Burma border, is again in the limelight and a very strong article appeared in one of the leading papers here recently, which might easily have led to trouble, but nothing has happened yet.

Later.—The matter has now been cleared up. The vernacular paper report has been found to be untrue.

Going Over to Canton. It has been thought that the province was going over to Canton. It is learned on good authority that four representatives have gone to Canton to talk matters over and it will not be a matter for surprise if as a result this province goes over definitely to the Nationalists.

Meanwhile there is concern because General Lung and Hu are at loggerheads and the latter has called up more of his men to the city. Considerable quantities of arms and ammunition have been brought up.

Earthquake Shocks. Early on the morning of March 15, three distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Yunnan, but fortunately no damage was done.

By March 20 it was able to find out that the severest shocks had been in the south-west of the province. At Hsueh-tien, Yao-jin and Sun-kiang, much damage was done, houses collapsed but it is not thought that any life was lost.

It is just about two years ago that Tai-fu was visited by an earthquake.

Later.—As regards the earthquake, a mistake was made as to the location of the severest shocks, which occurred in the north-east instead of the south-west as stated, the area affected being about two days' journey from the capital.

HAROLD LLOYD.

GREAT NEW COMEDY AT THE QUEEN'S.

EXCELLENT MUSICAL ITEMS.

Harold Lloyd's latest comedy, "For Heaven's Sake," now showing at the Queen's Theatre as the first big film of the Paramount super-season, will long be remembered by Hong Kong with the greatest pleasure. The story begins quietly, with an amusing touch here and there. Then suddenly things begin to happen. After that the picture is a riot of fun. Obviously it is an opportunity to say much about the plot at this stage, as that would be anticipating the pleasure of the many hundreds who have yet to see the film, but it can be said that two of the episodes, the filling of a mission hall by the most astonishing process in the world, and the truly marvellous journey of a handful of "drunks" in a commandeered bus are as funny and as exciting as any of the numerous comical thrills Harold Lloyd has yet offered his admirers.

"For Heaven's Sake" has an excellent supporting programme. The Queen's Orchestra gives a musical prologue under the directorship of Mr. A. Grovink. The selections are (a) "While the Sahara Sleeps," (b) Jack Hylton's "Summer Rain," and (c) Wagneritis. The lighting effects and stage settings are very beautiful. The effect of rain falling is remarkably well done. Further variety is given to the programme by a quartette of male singers, who, however, have not quite realised the size of the building in which they are singing. A charming Prisma Colour film showing scenes in the South of France and a clever little Inkwell cartoon sketch complete a delightful programme.

VACCINATION.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE WORK.

The number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, March 31, was as follows:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	21,944
King's College Division	4,388
Railway Division	2,438
Indian Division	2,226
Kowloon Division	17,875
Mongkok Division	2,639
Shanghai Division	1,371
Up Lung Division	1,371
St. Joseph's College	1,371
Total	56,106

APPEAL FOR HELP.

LOCAL ARTISTES PLEASE NOTE.

CONCERTS FOR THE TROOPS.

The following letter has been sent to well-known local artistes and others known to be interested in the organisation of entertainments locally, by Mr. R. Sutherland, Chairman of the Entertainment Sub-Committee of the Y.M.C.A. which is organising entertainments for the Services.

As it was felt that others who would be willing to assist might have escaped attention, a copy of the letter has been sent for publication.

The letter is as follows:—You will have seen from the Press of the 28th inst. an outline of the work which a special Committee of the Y.M.C.A. propose to carry out in connection with the entertainment of Service men. It is necessary for me to remind you that we have, and shall have, for a considerable time, thousands of men here who in completely strange surroundings must be kept entertained and amused during their leisure hours. With this idea the Y.M.C.A. have formed a representative Committee drawn from the Services and Hong Kong Residents.

There are several Depots of the Y.M.C.A. to enter for and the general outline of the scheme is that small concerts once or twice a week at each should be arranged, probably a concert on a larger scale once a month at one of the bigger depots or possibly at the City Hall. Every effort will be made to reduce the work of those who assist, and it may be possible to arrange, particularly in connection with Kowloon Concerts, for Artists to sing at perhaps two or more Depots at different times, during the same evening, and so minimize the number of occasions our helpers will have to attend.

We are in touch with the Hong Kong A.D.C., the Philharmonic Society, the Talkies Recreation Club and many other similar Associations which are contributing help.

It is well to tell you at the outset that Concerts start at 8 o'clock and finish about 10 p.m. This is not a convenient hour for many, but if you are willing to assist, you will not object to a little inconvenience in a good cause.

Through the kindness of the Church Body, the Cathedral Hall has been allocated to us for practice purposes and those singing will be able to arrange with their accompanists to run over their songs there. While it is impossible at the present stage of organisation to make any definite statement as to the extent we shall have to call upon your services, still it is hoped that it may not be more than two, or possibly three, times each month.

Mr. T. V. Harmon is Hon. Secretary of this Committee. A list of whose names has already appeared in the Press. I shall be glad if you will kindly return, either to me or to Mr. Harmon, c/o Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, the enclosed form duly filled in. Care should be taken to indicate clearly how you are prepared to help, as this will assist in the preparation of the Programme. As long notice as possible will be given you with regard to details of Concerts.

The Colony has some hard work ahead, and I trust you will make an effort to help in every way possible.

Signed,
R. SUTHERLAND, D.
Chairman,
Entertainment Sub-Committee,
c/o Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

AT THE "STAR."

MIDDLESEX BAND DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE.

"THE NE'ER DO WELL."

There was an excellent programme at the "Star" last night. It being "Paramount Week" in the Colony, the principal feature was "The Ne'er Do Well," with Thomas Meighan and Lila Lee as principals. The audience thoroughly enjoyed this engrossing story with its unique setting in which Meighan acts the part of the scapegoat with so much charm.

A most attractive feature of the evening performance was the musical programme of the Band of the Middlesex Regiment. The selection, which were most enthusiastically received, included the "Miserere" from "Il Trovatore" and the "Hunting Scene" by Bucchalosi.

A good programme is promised for to-night when "The Ne'er Do Well" will again be featured.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 2—Queen's Theatre: Harold Lloyd in "For Heaven's Sake."

April 2—World Theatre: Richard Dix in "The Lucky Devil."

April 2—Star Theatre: Thomas Meighan in "The Ne'er Do Well."

April 2, 4, 6, 8, 9—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafora," 8.30 p.m.

April 2—Ship's Company of H.M.S. "Frobisher" hold dance at Hotel Savoy 8.30 p.m.

April 6—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafora," Matinee, 4.30 p.m.

April 6—The Hong Kong Dance Club's grand opening Carnival Dance, takes place at Lane Crawford, at 9 p.m.

Sports.

April 2—Inter-Services Regatta of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, North Point.

April 2—Central British School annual sports at King's Park, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

April 4—St. Paul's College annual athletic sports at H.K.F.C. Ground, 1.30 p.m. (postponed from April 1 owing to inclement weather).

April 20—Seventh bi-annual race for the "Trevesa" Trophy, commencing 4 p.m.

Meetings.

April 4—Annual meeting of General Committee of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals in the Chamber of Commerce board room, 12.30 p.m.

April 6—Annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball Assn. at the American Consulate-General, 5.30 p.m.

April 8—Third annual meeting of H.K. & Territorial Estates, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 2.30 p.m.

April 21—Second Meeting of China Light & Power Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

April 2—Distribution of prizes of the Dockin School at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 2 p.m., and of St. Stephen's College, in Great Hall of University, 7.30 p.m.

April 6—Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.I.E.E., 11st. T. will read a paper on "Urban & Suburban Transport" at the Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders (Hong Kong) 5.45 p.m.

April 9—Annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, College Hall, 8 p.m.



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While unloading cement at
Shamshuipo, a coolie fell from a
gangplank into the harbour and has
been admitted into the Kwong Wah
Hospital with injuries to his head.

It is notified for the informa-
tion of owners and occupiers of
tenements that rates for the sec-
ond quarter of 1927, are payable
in advance on or before April 30.

During the tiffin-hour, yester-
day Madame Chiffon (the dress-
maker) lost a silk evening dress
valued at \$79 from her shop at the
ground floor of No. 39, Queen's
Road Central. It was some time
between 1.15 and 1.45 p.m. that the
loss was discovered.

The St. George's Hotel in
Kennedy Road is to be opened by
Mrs. F. E. Cameron about April 10,
not by Miss Cameron as stated yester-
day. Regret is expressed for the
error, which, however, must have
been obvious. Mrs. Cameron, being
so well-known in Hong Kong.

The body of Signalman C. E.
Scarlett, of the 13th Infantry Bri-
gade, who was drowned in the
Sheung-shui stream whilst bathing
in the New Territories last week,
was recovered on Thursday and his
funeral took place yesterday at the
Protestant Cemetery with full mili-
tary honours.

No. 1080 Canton Road, Mong-
kottau was sold at Messrs. Lam-
mer's Auction Rooms yesterday for
\$50,000. Mr. Yu Man-po being the
purchaser. The same buyer was
the successful bidder in other sales
at these Rooms (Nos. 8-14 Argyle
street, \$25,000; Nos. 433, 435 and
437 Reclamation Street, Kowloon,
\$20,000).

It is notified that the pro-
hibition as regards the exchange
of chibbed packages between
Hong Kong and the Republic of
China, the Straits Settlements
and the Federated Malay States
is postponed *sine die*, but that
regarding the Netherlands Indies
will be enforced as from April 1.

The rule made by the Gov-
ernor in Council under section 16
of the Gunpowder and Fireworks
Ordinance, 1901, under the head-
ing "Making, etc., of certain fire-
works," has been amended by
the substitution of the words
"sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium
and potassium perchlorate, or
which have in any single con-
tainer thereof more than 10
grains of any explosive mixture
in which potassium perchlorate is
an ingredient" for the words
"sulphur and saltpetre" in the
last line of the said rule.

Scores of curious are flocking
to the scene of the reported gold
strike in the Dripping Springs dis-
trict in Arizona and plans have
been made for the laying out of two
towns sites.

It is reported from Moscow
that there is a tendency in the
higher Communist circles in
favour of transferring the
Government institutions from
Moscow to Leningrad. The hous-



Mr. Hugh Gibson, now United
States Minister to Switzerland,
who has been appointed Ambas-
sador to Belgium to succeed Mr.
William Phillips, who has been
appointed Minister to Canada.
Mr. Gibson will, however, con-
tinue to represent his country at
the League of Nations prepara-
tory disarmament conference.

ing crisis, which is very acute in
Moscow, and the discontent of
Labour in Leningrad over the
location of the Government in-
stitutions in Moscow, whither
they continually have to send
delegates for different purposes,
thereby losing much time, are
considered to be the main causes
for this project. It is also pointed
out that since the Government
offices were removed from
Leningrad the city has been
losing its economic and political
importance. The Opposition,
moreover, are conducting strong
propaganda for the concentration
of all Russian Government in-
stitutions in the city named after
Lenin.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. C. P. Rigby, Registrar,
Supreme Court, Kuala Lumpur, ex-
pects to retire in November of this
year, after 29 years in Government
Service.

Mr. C. S. Alexander, Financial
Adviser and Treasurer, F.M.S., has
left for home on three months' leave
prior to retirement. Since his ap-
pointment as a cadet at the end of
1900 he has, except for a brief in-
terval, devoted the whole of his
service to the financial side.

Lieut. J. S. Baker, R.N., who has
been Aide-de-Camp to H.E. the
Governor (Sir Laurence Guille-
lard) for about a year has left
for home by the transport "Kin-
fauna Castle." During his stay in
Malaya Lieut. Baker has been very
popular among all with whom he
has come in contact, both in his
official and private capacity.

William Jennings Bryan, junior,
son of the late Secretary of State,
and a prominent attorney on the
Pacific coast had a narrow escape
from serious injury and possible
death when the motor-car in which
he was returning to Tucson from
Nogales left the road, missing by
only a few feet a fall from a bridge
and avoiding a twenty feet fall to
death.

The Crown Prince and Crown
Princess have returned to Sweden
from their visit to the United
States and the Far East which has
lasted for nine months. They were
received by enthusiastic crowds
when they landed at Malmo on
February 9 and on February 10 at
Stockholm. The city was decorat-
ed with flags and emblems of wel-
come, and cheering crowds lined
the streets from the station to the
palace.

The Press Association learns that
the Hon. Ivor Montagu, third son of
Lord and Lady Swaythling, of
Kensington Court, W., was married
at a London register office on Jan-
10 to Miss Ellen Hellestern, a Lon-
don typist, who lives at Motspur
road, Brixton. News of the wed-
ding did not leak out until Feb-
ruary 21, so closely had the fact
been guarded. Since the mar-
riage the bride has been attending
at her office daily. She stated that
she had been obliged to continue
her work for the present in order
to fulfil her contract. The
Hon. Ivor Montagu is 23 years of
age. His father, Lord Swaythling,
is head of the banking firm of
Samuel Montagu and Co. of Old
Broad-street, E.C.

Mr. F. Moril has been trans-
ferred to the head office of the Mitsui
Bussan Kaisha, Tokyo, and Mr.
Matutaro Shimura has been ap-
pointed as assistant manager for the
Singapore office in his stead.

The "New Statesman" of Feb-
ruary 12 contains an interesting
article on a Chinese Gentleman—
unnamed, but easily recognisable,
says the "Malay Mail" to the re-
sidents of Malaya as Dr. Lim Boon-
keng—whom the writer, Stephen W.
Roskill, met while ashore there.



Private Robert Gordon, of
Troop A, Eighth Cavalry, Texas,
who must marry within thirty
days to receive a fortune of
\$200,000 left him by an uncle who
died recently in Reno. The estate
includes an improved ranch and
about 5,000 head of cattle.
Gordon cannot understand why
his uncle, B. Gordon, made the
inheritance conditional upon his
marriage. But he plans to fulfil
the requirement, quit the army
and live on the ranch.

guarding the British Concession
with a party of 10th soldiers. Dr.
Boon-keng, a native of the district
with important information con-
cerning events in the district and
converted him to an admiration of
St. Stamford. He is the founder of
Singapore. The doctor's birthplace
for which he retains an abiding
affection.

As from Monday, the offices of
Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd.,
and the New Zealand Insurance Co.,
Ltd., will be on the 4th floor of Ex-
change Building.

The annual meeting of the
general committee of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals
will be held on Monday in the
Chamber of Commerce board room,
at 12.30 p.m. All members are re-
quested to be present.

A New York message states
that Professor Stirling of California
announces the discovery of a race
of men who are four feet in height
while the women are smaller, in
Dutch New Guinea. He stayed
three months in a village of these
pigmies, who use stone implements
for war and agriculture.

His Excellency the Governor
has given his assent, in the name
and on behalf of His Majesty the
King, to the following Ordinances
passed by the Legislative Coun-
cil:—Ordinance No. 1 of 1927.—
An Ordinance to amend the Inter-
pretation Ordinance, 1911; Or-
dinance No. 2 of 1927.—An
Ordinance to amend the Promis-
sory Oaths Ordinance, 1926; and
Ordinance No. 3 of 1927.—An
Ordinance to provide against
accidents in factories.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C.,
A.M.I.E.E., M.Inst.T. (general
manager of Hong Kong Tramways,
Ltd.) is to read a paper on "Urban
and Suburban Transport" at the
Institution of Engineers and Ship-
builders (Hong Kong) at 5.45 p.m.
on Wednesday, when Mr. James
Ormiston (Immediate Past Presi-
dent) will take the chair. Needless
to say, the invitation to "members
and friends who may be interested"
will be gladly availed of by large
numbers. This season's sessional
papers at the Institute have been
of very high standard, but never-
theless entertaining, and Mr.
Bellamy is assured of a hearty re-
ception.

Very readable for resident and
associate members alike—and for
that matter, to the general public—
the March number of "The Red
Triangle" has made its appear-
ance. The various branches of ac-
tivity of members are reviewed,
"Mudford" and its election being
much to the fore with the sporting
section and going section, newly
formed Naval and Military section,
Library Committee and Camera
Club activities receiving their
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MOTORING SECTION

MECHANICAL WEARINESS.

Cause of Loss of Power.

So rapidly has the automobile progressed that, whereas only three or four years ago a "tired" engine was not an infrequent occurrence on a long run, it is now seldom met with. A good modern engine seems to go better and better, faster and faster, as the miles fade into the distance.

Most keen motorists can remember, even as recently as 1922 or 1923, being very pleased indeed with a car that would "apparently" stick at 40 m.p.h. all day without sign of distress.

In theory at any rate engines should not get tired. After they have been running fast for a number of miles the lubricant is circulating smoothly everywhere, the mixture delivered by the carburetor is warmed just sufficiently to ensure its proper vaporization, and the temperature of both cooling water and lubricating oil has reached its most efficient point. The top gear ratio prevents excessive "revving" and the engine, although working hard, is at its highest pitch of efficiency.

Engine "Tired."

Even in these days one occasionally comes across an engine which does not perform in this ideal manner. Thirty, forty, or even fifty miles at a good speed begin to make their mark upon the flagging power unit. No longer will it breast steep hills in the same confident manner, nor will it respond so rapidly to a touch of the accelerator pedal. The engine is "tired."

What is the cause of this weariness of a mechanical unit, which should resist strains and fatigue in a manner superior to the endurance of any animal? There are, of course, errors of maintenance or fitting, but there are other faults due to actual design, which are eradicated year by year, often in the crucible of a great track or road race.

The minor points include the use of an unsuitable lubricant; while the oil is still cool it is keeping in a thin, slippery film between two moving parts, but when heat has been conducted to it through the crowns of the pistons and by conduction through the cylinder walls and crank case the oil becomes hot and thin. If of poor quality it then ceases to do what it should and, consequently, there is more internal friction and the engine feels sluggish.

The use of unsuitable sparking plugs may also be responsible for "tiring" an engine. A long, fast run may result in the electrodes becoming incandescent, so that pre-ignition occurs. This may not be noticeable at high speeds, but the engine will not feel "right," and will not deliver its full power.

Errors in Fitting.

Errors in fitting include pistons that are too tight. Consequently, as they expand, they run upon the cylinder bore, engendering friction and heat. The same two enemies of efficient running are occasioned by an improperly lined-up group of main bearings or main, big-end bearings that are too tight. Symptoms due to these causes will, of course, become patent after the car has been overhauled, but should not be noticeable in the case of a well-run-in or worn car, unless the lubrication system fails and there is an insufficient film of oil between the bearing surfaces.

A NEW ENGINE.

A handful of privileged persons witnessed in London on January 23 a private demonstration of what experts describe as a remarkable motor cycle engine—one cylinder, double-shafted, and two pistons—designed by an Australian engineer named Werry. Though the engine is nominally rated at 2½ horsepower, it is claimed that it develops 12 horse-power. In a bench test it did 14,000 revolutions a minute, with a roar like an aeroplane engine. Virtually it is without vibration, though it is not even fastened down. It is prophesied that the engine, which will be placed on the market in a few months, will develop four times the power of an ordinary similar powered motor engine on the road, at half the running cost. Mr. Werry is applying the principle to a six-cylinder aeroplane engine, in which the Air Ministry is showing keen interest.

FOUR FACTORS.

And The Biggest is Oil Supply.

"Undoubtedly" (says a recent issue of the "Mack Bulldog," the house organ of the International Motor Club) the entire Chinese Navy could peacefully lost at anchor in the printers' ink that has been used to shout the message, "Change your crank case oil every 500 miles," and still I will put myself on record without fear of contradiction that there are at least two truck owners in the United States of America who have overlooked the importance of this 'little' big thing.

It's little because it doesn't require much of an outlay in time or money, and it's big because that steady powerful, heart-beat of your faithful old gasoline bread winner if neglected is going to prematurely weaken as sure as new laid eggs are a month old.

Remember, real success in the hauling game depends not alone upon mileage—not maintenance costs—not operating costs—not days out of the shop, but the net results of all four factors lumped together.

Yes, a high grade motor truck at times seems to actually possess instinct, some claim that each has a real personality, and some enthusiastic owners actually go so far as to class them as almost human. The idea is fine so far as it goes but they have not reached that point where they are self-repairing. The driver can wear the skin off his fingers or knock a piece of bark off his shin and they will eventually heal and be as good as when he was a day old, but when those cylinder walls wear down the wrist begins to slap, and the crankshaft journals wear, lopsided, because they have been splashing around in a diluted oil mixture with less than 2½% lubricating kick, a day is coming when a heating operation will be necessary to the tune of many dollars that might just as well have been handed to the receiving teller and left to accumulate compound interests.

CAUSES OF ACCIDENT.

Appeal for Caution.

From careful observations the R.A.C., Britain, has formed the opinion that the two principal causes of motor accidents are—

(1) Lack of proper care in negotiating corners and crossroads.

(2) Failure to give or observe driving signals.

The increasing use of white lines at corners by local authorities now gives a clear indication to every driver as to the course he should follow in rounding a corner, and if this course is followed the chances of coming into collision with another vehicle are reduced to a minimum. It is not uncommon, however, for drivers to pull out either when approaching a bend, or even on the bend itself, to pass slow-moving traffic ahead. This practice cannot be too strongly condemned, and drivers should never in any circumstances attempt to pass on corners, no matter how much they may be obliged to reduce their speed in order to keep their proper place on the road. A cyclist or a horse-drawn vehicle in front may even necessitate dropping down almost to walking pace, but it is worth while doing this, rather than attempt to pass on a "blind" corner and risk being involved in a serious accident.

In entering a main road from a secondary road, or in passing over crossroads, where it is not absolutely certain that it is safe to proceed at the normal pace, drivers should invariably slow down to such speed as will enable them to pull up within a few yards should it be necessary.

IMPROVED ALL-WEATHER EQUIPMENT.

While considerable improvement has been effected generally in all-weather equipment, the Standard Motor Company, of Coventry, remains the only British concern that is placing on the home market a car sold fully equipped at under £800 and having windows dropping into the doors and operated by a lifter, thus constituting a great advance over the usual equipment of so-called all-weather vehicles.

BRITISH DESIGNS.

Automatic Gear-Changing.

It seems almost a pity that greater publicity is not given to the adoption of British designs by the American motor industry—one of the leading novelties revealed by the New York Motor Show. However, great interest is taken in the trials that are being made by the Buick Company with their new epicyclic four-speed gear-box in the States. Vauxhall cars have been testing this self gear-changing gear-box for about two years, and those motorists who have had trial runs state that it is marvellous. The driver simply moves a finger lever on the quadrant on the steering wheel on to the required gear up or down and the gear changes automatically and silently, the engine picking it up without any fuss. This will entirely abolish all the novice's troubles about gear-changing, and American motorists friendly to the U.S.A. folk will pay £20 to £30 more for such a car any time and so get rid for ever of their annoying changing gears. It is all very novel, but will not driving become dull and monotonous with nothing to do but press the accelerator pedal, shift a quadrant level, and put on brakes, all without any skill required or sense of ear to know just the right moment to alter ratios? The fool-proof no-skill epicyclic gear-box is being experimented with by several other notable British firms. Ford, with his two-speed epicyclic gear-box, and Lanchester, with his three-speed epicyclic gear-box, though largely improved, is to be the novelty tomorrow. Though cars are on the road with these no-trouble gear-changing epicyclic gears, they are not likely to find their way on to standard productions for another twelve months, and not then unless they emerge successfully under their present tests in Britain and America.

MOTOR LEGISLATION.

The Automobile Association has issued a Questionnaire to British motorists, asking for their views on certain matters concerning the use and ownership of motor cars and motor-cycles.

In the opinion of the Association, legislation to remedy the defects of the existing law is long overdue, and having regard to the importance of the questions at issue, it is considered desirable in this way to obtain the individual opinions of motorists throughout the country.

Among the questions upon which motorists' views are being solicited are—

- (a) The re-introduction of the Petrol Tax.
- (b) The abolition of Speed Limits.
- (c) The need for legislation to deal with "Joy Riding."
- (d) The amendment of the Law re production of driving licences.
- (e) The responsibilities of employers for licences held by paid drivers.
- (f) The postponement of the operation of the suspension of driving licences where an appeal has been lodged.

Another feature of the Questionnaire is that every motorist is asked to give particulars of his car or motorcycle with approximate mileage for the year ended September 30, 1926, together with his average fuel consumption in miles per gallon of motor spirit.

The replies received will be collated by a special staff and the results will, of course, be considered in connection with the action to be taken by the Association in relation to the revision of the existing law.

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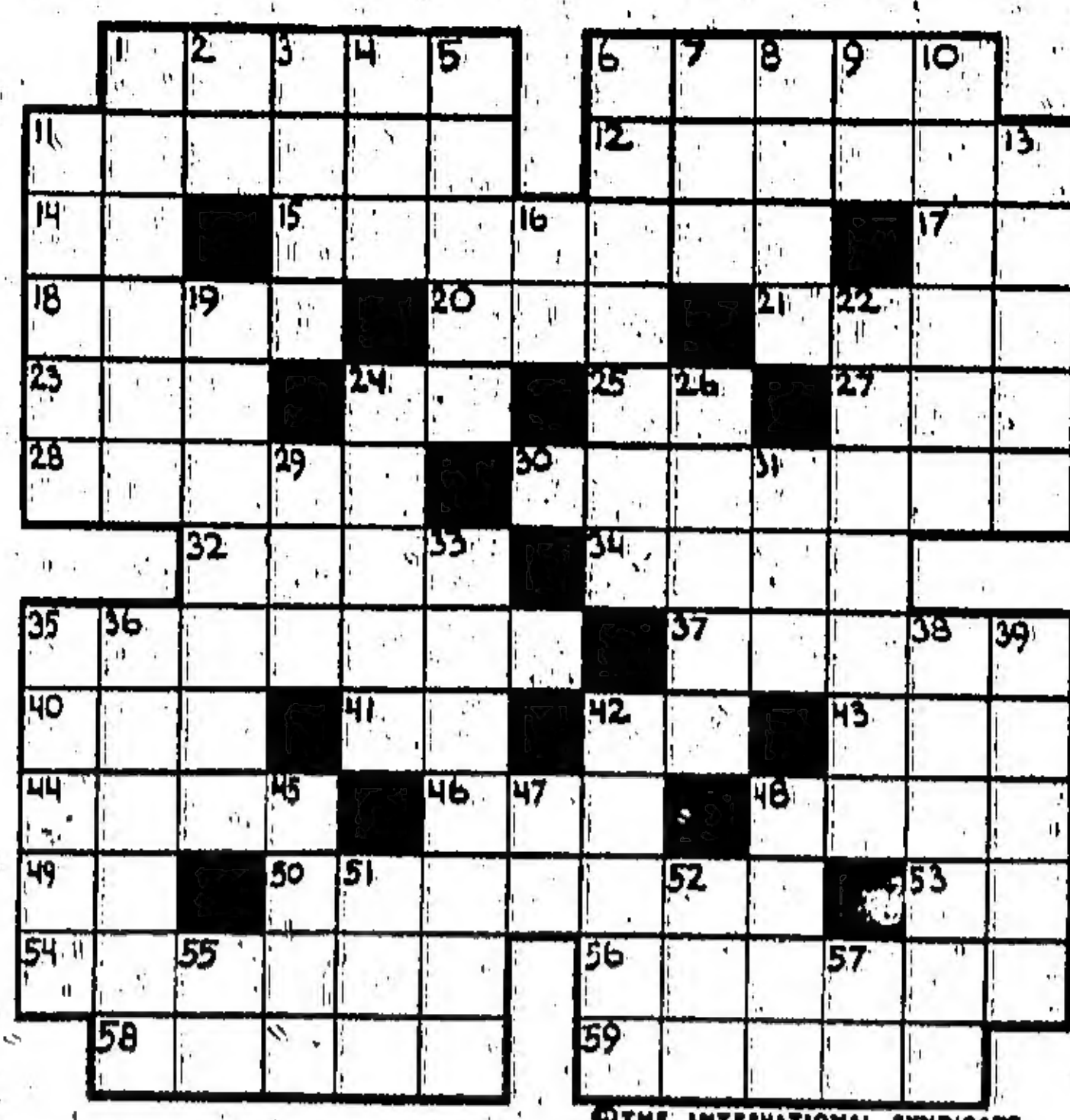
The popularity of British vehicles with the various Municipalities and other public authorities in Australia, is further demonstrated by a recent repeat order from the Brisbane Municipality for a number of 2-ton chassis received by the well-known Albion Company of Glasgow.

WHERE BRITAIN LEADS.

In a recent issue of "The Motor Cycle," there appears a history of the world's kilometre motor cycle records in figures. Of the 128 times these maximum speed records have been broken in the various classes, British names appear in about twenty cases.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-A shrub
- 4-Contents of aped
- 10-Containing to the Alps
- 12-For a brief time
- 14-Myself
- 15-To affright suddenly
- 17-Prefix meaning "in"
- 18-Most excellent
- 20-To place
- 21-So far as
- 22-The mother of us all
- 24-Islet
- 26-Letter of credit (abbr.)
- 27-Hall (Latin)
- 28-To arouse
- 30-To wind about
- 32-One of the Great Lakes
- 34-Brought suit against
- 35-Unfamiliar
- 37-Tempest
- 40-Part of verb "to be"
- 41-To assault
- 42-Point of the compass (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-Hint
- 44-Covers
- 46-To make last
- 48-A bantering jest
- 49-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 50-High church official
- 53-Point of the compass (abbr.)
- 54-Allures
- 56-A guide
- 58-A family tree in Alaska
- 59-Made lame
- 60-Part of a coat
- 62-Toward the top
- 63-Fog
- 64-An emmet
- 65-Baby's plaything (pl.)
- 66-Shoemaker's tool
- 68-Masthead
- 69-East, India (abbr.)
- 70-To disentangle
- 71-Poisonized vegetable

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-Go in
- 14-Prefix meaning "again"
- 16-Cut
- 22-A food-fish
- 24-Sightless
- 25-Reason
- 28-Period of time
- 31-Square
- 32-Self-interest
- 33-A dinner course
- 35-A three-legged stand
- 38-Destroyed
- 39-Measure of length
- 40-A small boat
- 42-Stain
- 47-Part of verb "to be"
- 48-A vein, as of mineral
- 51-A grain
- 52-A beverage
- 55-A business concern (abbr.)
- 57-Prefix meaning "from"

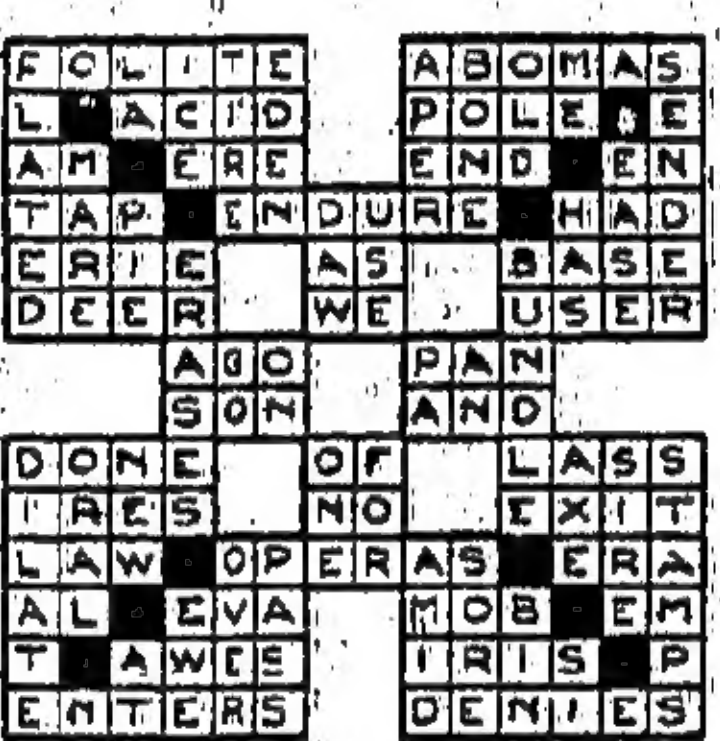
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, word's starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

BIG CAR VITALITY.

There would appear to be, in some quarters, an impression that the big car is doomed, in that the small car is now so highly developed that fewer and fewer people require anything else. To a certain extent the Press in general rather fosters this view; indeed, efforts have not been lacking to hammer the point home in an emphatic manner. "The Autocar" does not subscribe to this contention, for all the evidence before us goes to show that, although the small and inexpensive car continues to make unchecked headway—and very deservedly so—there is a constant and even increasing market for the big, powerful car.

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THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

MR. LANEPART'S ADDRESS.

Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "What is Theosophy?" at Thursday's weekly public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society.

An extract of his remarks follows:—

Theosophy is the divine wisdom, and its direct individual knowledge in man is the result of the awakening in germ of divine powers of universal perception, which in course of time all men will learn to unfold and use in the service of man and God.

It is Theosophy the divine wisdom that constitutes the foundation of all religions and thus they all serve the one God. It is Theosophy that renders life intelligible and shows us the love and justice which guide its evolution.

The essence of Theosophy is the fact that man being himself divine can know the divinity whose life he shares, and the imminence of God and the brotherhood of all men are the fundamental teachings of Theosophy.

Intelligent Theory.

Theosophy may be described to the outside world as an intelligent theory of the universe. It is a statement of the great facts of nature so far as they have become known throughout the millennia to the direct vision of daring souls, the pioneers of the spirit and great investigators of the occult.

Yet even for lesser souls who study Theosophy, it soon becomes no more theory, but fact, for Theosophy is a definite science, capable of being studied and its teachings are verifiable by investigation and experiment for those who are willing to take the trouble to qualify themselves for such inquiry.

Founded by Two Masters.

The Theosophical Society, as it exists to-day, has been founded by two of the masters of wisdom, members of the White Lodge, the inner government of the world, to draw those together whose good Karma has made them seek and knock for truth and light.

The mission of the Theosophical Society is therefore not to force its teachings upon souls still asleep and content with lesser lights, but simply to offer it to all, so that those may take it who feel the need for it. The knowledge of the great truths of Theosophy has for us and for thousands of others made life

easier to bear and death easier to face.

Three Great Truths.

The broad outlines of the great truths have been widely known in the world for thousands of years and are to-day largely penetrating and influencing the noblest minds of the West, which, in its incredible self-sufficiency, has for long remained ignorant of them, and long scoffed at any fragment of them which may have come in its way.

There are three great truths which are absolute and cannot be lost. They are as great as life itself and yet as simple as the simplest mind of man and are known to and direct the lives of every Theosophist.

They are:—

(1) God exists and He is good. He is the great life-giver, who dwells within us and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, and is perceived by the man who desires perception.

(2) Man is immortal and his future is one whose glory and splendour are no limit.

(3) A divine law of absolute justice rules the world, so that each man is in truth his own judge, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward and his punishment.

Moving For Good.

To each of these great truths are attached certain others, subsidiary and explanatory.

From the first great truth it follows:—

(1) That in spite of all appearances, all things are definitely and intelligently moving together for good; that all circumstances, however untoward they may seem, are in reality exactly what are needed; that everything around us tends, not to hinder us, but to help us, if it is only understood.

(2) That, since the whole scheme thus tends to man's benefit, clearly it is his duty to learn to understand it.

(3) That, when he thus understands it, it is also his duty intelligently to co-operate in this scheme.

Standpoint of the Soul.

From the second great truth it follows:—

(1) That the true man is a soul and that this body is only an appanage.

(2) That he must, therefore, regard everything from the standpoint of the soul and that in every case when an internal struggle takes place he must realise his identity with the higher and not with the lower.

(3) That what we commonly call his life is only one day in his true and larger life.

(4) That death is a matter of far less importance than is usually supposed, since it is by no means the end of life, but merely the passage from one stage of it to another.

(5) That man has an immense evolution behind him, the study of which is most fascinating, interesting and instructive.

(6) That he has also a splendid evolution before him, the study of which will be even more fascinating and instructive.

(7) That there is an absolute certainty of final attainment for every human soul, no matter how far he may seem to have strayed from the path of evolution.

Two Inseparable Parts.

From the third great truth it follows:—

(1) That every thought, word or action produces its definite results—not a reward or punishment imposed from without, but a result inherent in the action itself, definition of cause and effect, these being really two inseparable parts of one whole.

(2) That it is both the duty and interest of man to study this divine law closely, so that he will be able to adapt himself to it and to use it, as we use other great laws of nature.

(3) That it is necessary for man to attain perfect control over himself, so that he may guide his life intelligently in accordance with this law.

When this knowledge is fully assimilated, it changes the aspect of life completely, we come to know how we should live and why, and we learn that life is worth living; when properly understood we learn how to develop ourselves and to make ourselves more useful to those around us and ultimately to the whole human race.

FOKIS AS DETECTIVES.

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Choristers of Westminster Abbey keeping ill aboard a Canadian Pacific steamship "Montrose" on their way for a tour of Canada.



Donald C. McMillan, Arctic explorer, photographed at the Windsor Street Station, Montreal. McMillan is heading an expedition into North Labrador in a few months, to find a scientific base.

Internationally known figure skaters Montgomery S. Wilson, Mead Estess Smith, Cecil Estess Smith and Jack Eastwood, who were present at the Winter Carnival, held at Preston, Ontario, recently.



At Fresno, where the guests, waiters and band played a concert, the basketball team of the University of California, who recently won the championship of the United States, were seen in action.



Leaving to meet the new season, the basketball team of the University of California, who recently won the championship of the United States, were seen in action.



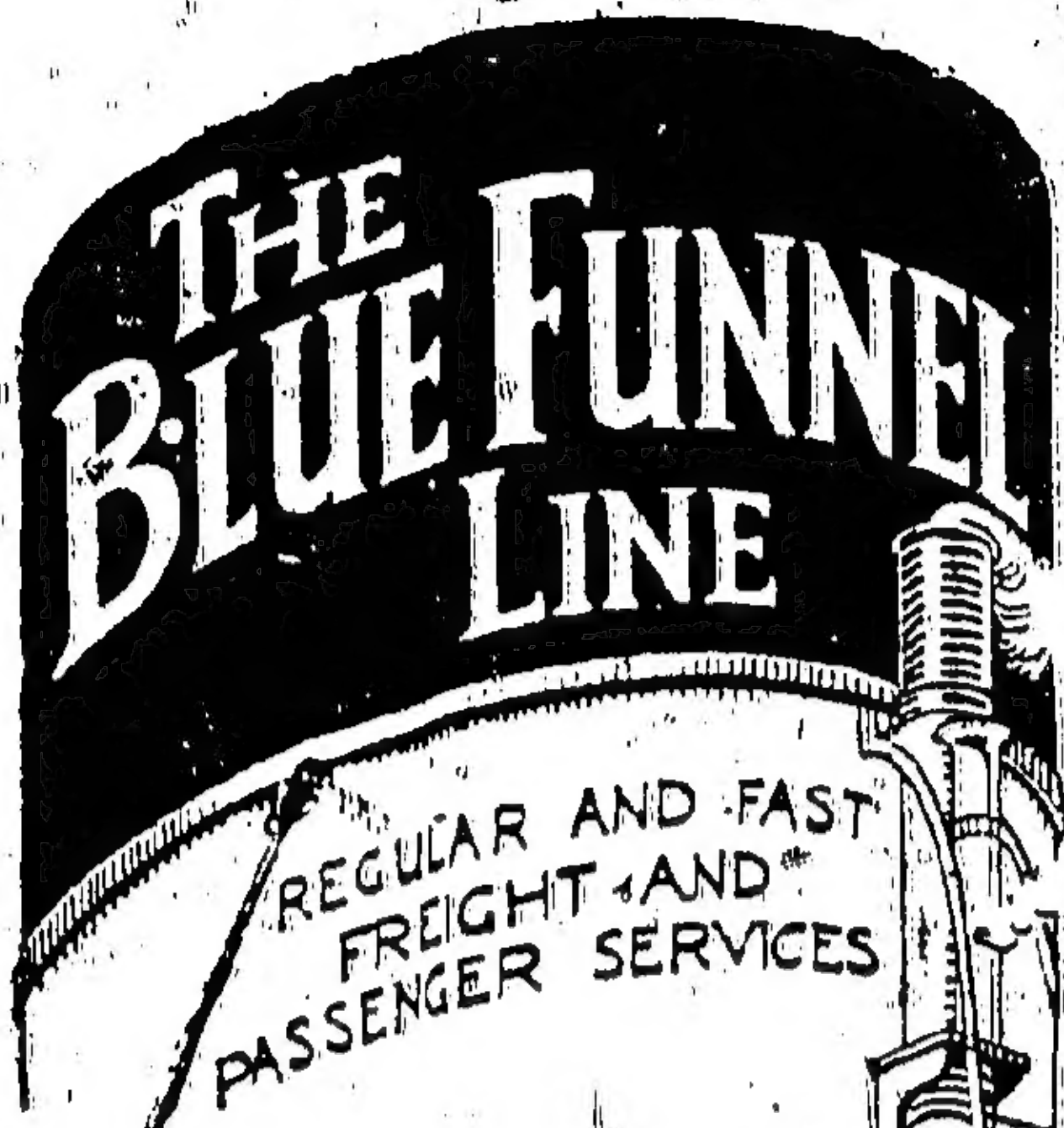
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Letters 10.30 a.m.	Antenor.		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kotsu Maru	6	5 p.m.
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SERIOUS ILLNESS.

Anxiety for King of Rumania.

CONDITION REPORTED CRITICAL.

Berlin, April 1.
The illness of the King of Rumania has taken a serious turn. Direct telegraphic and telephone communication with Rumania and neighbouring countries is momentarily interrupted.



KING FERDINAND

but the last bulletin received at the Rumanian Legation here says His Majesty is suffering from influenza which has developed into pneumonia and his condition is less satisfactory.

It is reported from Belgrade that the King's condition is very critical. Queen Marie of Yugoslavia, formerly Princess Marie of Rumania, has gone to Bukharest.

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The favour of the presence of all members is earnestly requested.

Business:—
To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
Appoint the Executive Committee for 1927.
Pass Estimates of Expenditure for 1927.
Any other business that may be presented.
Signed H. K. WELLS, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1927.

The Belgian specialist, M. Sluis, has been summoned from Brussels.

Press reports received at Budapest state that important conferences at Bukharest attended by the Commander-in-Chief of the army have disquieted the populace, but it is declared a coup d'etat in the event of the King's death is improbable, as the Rumanian Government is well prepared for all eventualities and has concentrated a strong force of troops in Bukharest.—Reuter.

Condition Improves.

Bukharest, April 1.
A bulletin states that King Ferdinand's condition has improved.—Reuter.

Washington, April 1.—As it has been decided not to reduce the Marine Forces in Nicaragua, it is understood that the Corps Commander is coming out every available detachment in the United States to find riflemen to fill up a regiment at Quantico for use, if needed.—Reuter's American Service.

TRADE UNIONS.

JOINT COMMITTEE REACHES UNANIMITY.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

Berlin, April 1.
After private sittings, the Anglo-Russian Joint Advisory Committee issued a statement that it had reached complete unanimity as regards the international trade union unity.

The resolutions adopted are to be submitted for ratification by the General Congress of the British Trade Union Council, which is equivalent to the Russian organisation.

It is understood that the question of affiliation of the Russian unions to the Amsterdam International was discussed, and a recommendation hereon was made which it is hoped will remove Russian objections from joining it.

Agreement was apparently reached on the question of mutual non-interference in domestic affairs.—Reuter.

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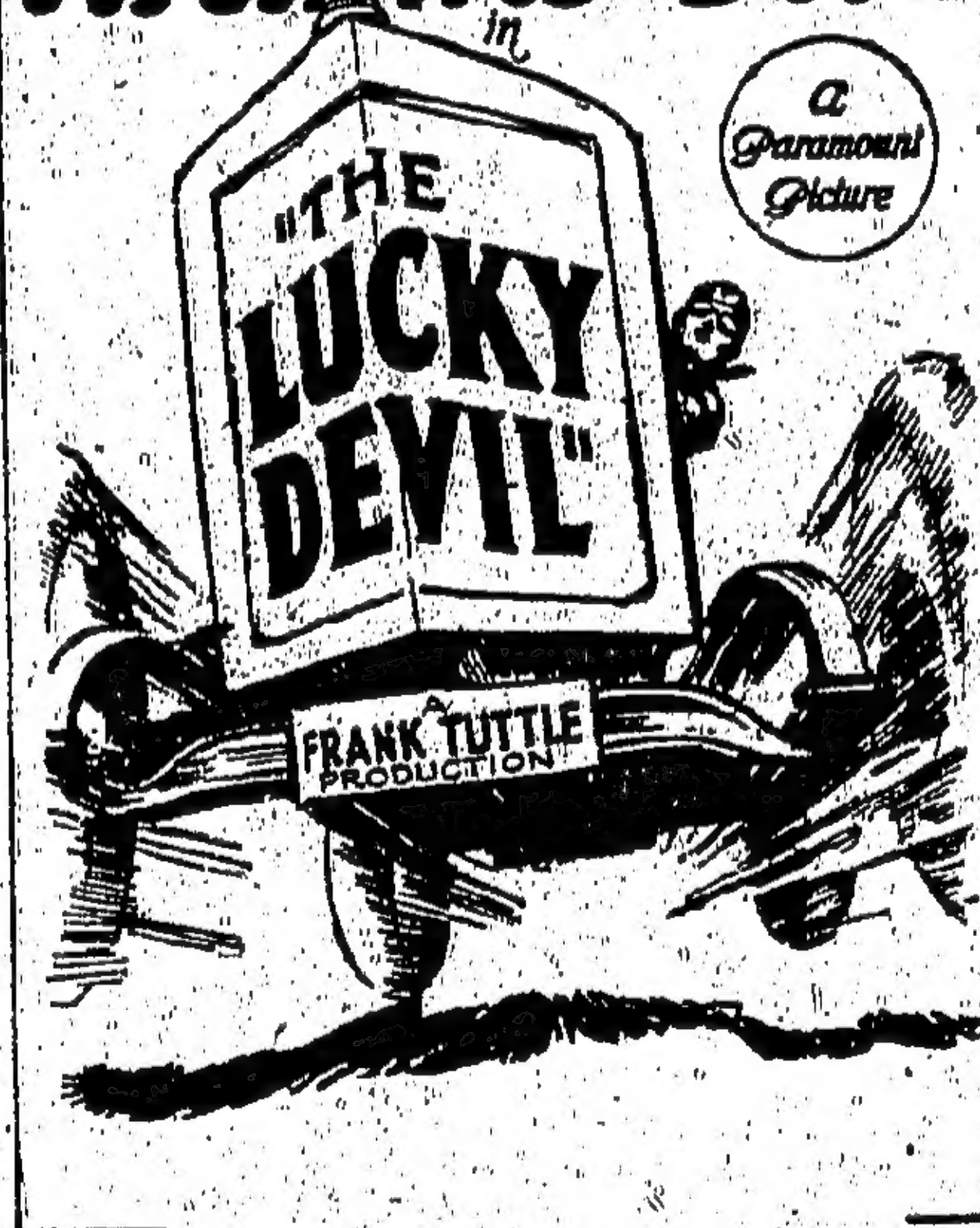
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